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Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sirs:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, it is respectfully requested that the following reference(s) be considered in the examination of the above-identified patent application:

“Active Dual Energy X-Ray Detector: Experimental Characterization”, Alvarez et al., Medical Imaging 1997: Physics of Medical Imaging, 5/12/97.

“Experimental Comparison of Dual Energy X-ray Detectors”, Alvarez et al., Medical Imaging 1996: Physics of Medical Imaging, 5/7/96.

“Generalized Image Combinations in Dual KVP Digital Radiography”, Lehmann et al., Medical Physics, Vol. 8, No. 5, Sept./Oct. 1981.

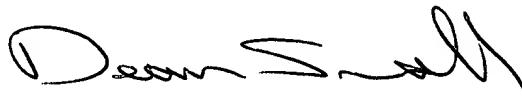
“Single-Exposure Dual-Energy Computed Radiography”, Stewart et al., Medical Physics, Vol. 17, No. 5, Sep/Oct 1990.

The above-identified reference(s) are listed on the attached PTO Form 1449 and copies are also enclosed herewith.

This submission, is in no way intended as an admission that the above-cited references constitute prior art under any subsection of 35 U.S.C. § 102. Applicant expressly retains the right to take any actions necessary to remove the above-cited references from the available prior art.

Consideration of the above-identified references in the examination of the present patent application is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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